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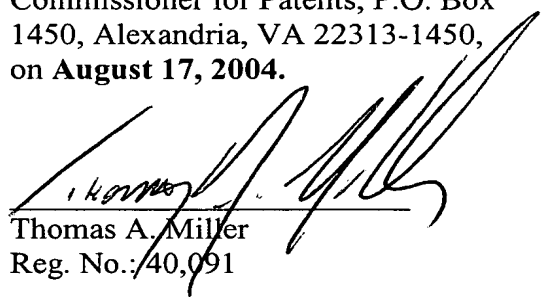
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**RESPONSE TO DECISION ON  
PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a)**

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Dear Sir:

This response is filed in reply to a decision by the Office of Petitions refusing this application status under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a), mailed on July 21, 2004.

Enclosed please find a declaration signed and dated by all inventors. By way of this filing, it is believed that the Petition is rendered moot. Applicants request that the declaration be accepted and this application proceed to substantive examination.

It is believed that no additional fee is due at this time. If there are any additional fees due, the Commissioner is directed to charge or debit Deposit Account No. 13-2855 under order number 29618/38938. Should any questions arise over the

form or substance of this reply, the office is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number and address listed below.

Respectfully submitted for,

MARSHALL, GERSTEIN & BORUN LLP

**August 17, 2004**

By: 

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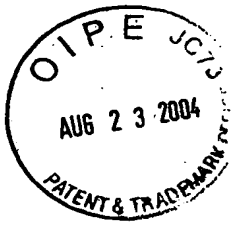
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**DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

TASK TRAYS

the specification of which was filed on July 24, 2003 as Application No. 10/626,081.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by an amendment, if any, specifically referred to herein.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me that is material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

**FOREIGN PRIORITY CLAIM**

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code § 119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

☒ no such foreign applications have been filed

☐ such foreign application have been filed as follows:

**EARLIEST FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY FILED WITHIN 12 MONTHS  
(6 MONTHS FOR DESIGN) PRIOR TO THIS U.S. APPLICATION**

Application Number	Country	Date of Filing (dd/mm/yyyy)	Priority Claimed Under 35 USC 119
			___ Yes No ___
			___ Yes No ___
			___ Yes No ___

**ALL FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY FILED MORE THAN 12 MONTHS  
(6 MONTHS FOR DESIGN) PRIOR TO THIS U.S. APPLICATION**

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**CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF EARLIER U.S. PROVISIONAL APPLICATIONS**

I hereby claim priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code §119(e), of any United States provisional patent application(s) listed below:

☒ no such U.S. provisional applications have been filed.

☐ such U.S. provisional application have been filed as follows:

Application Number	Date of Filing (dd/mm/yyyy)	Priority Claimed Under 35 USC 119
		___ Yes No ___
		___ Yes No ___
		___ Yes No ___

**CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF EARLIER U.S./PCT APPLICATION(S)**

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of the United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information that is material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal

Regulations, §1.56 which became available to me between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

☒ no such U.S./PCT applications have been filed.

☐ such U.S./PCT application have been filed as follows:

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

I hereby appoint:

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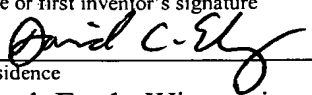
all of **MARSHALL, GERSTEIN & BORUN LLP**, 233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 6300, Sears Tower, Chicago, Illinois 60606-6357, jointly, and each of them severally, my attorneys at law/patent agent(s), with full power of substitution, delegation and revocation, to prosecute this application, to make alterations and amendments therein, to receive the patent, and to transact all business in the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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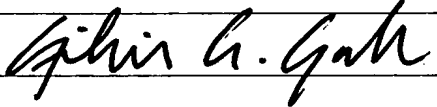
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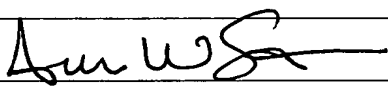
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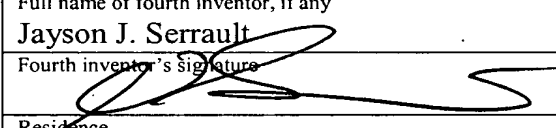
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